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TOPIC Military Information from the Bittkau Training Area

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 24 April 1951, it was learned that 200 to 250 engineer troops had moved into the troop camp in the Bittkau Forest, about three km west of Bittkau (M 53/Y 83), several days before. Nearby residents believed that the unit had come from Tangermuende. Motor vehicles seen driving to the camp near Bittkau were numbered [REDACTED] 25X1C

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[REDACTED] Source also observed on 24 April that only a guard detail was posted at the Tangermuende quarters of the engineer unit. *

2. Two sentries with black epaulets guarded pontoons, boards and six boats lying on the Elbe River meadows in the Bittkau training area near Polte. About 100 soldiers were engaged in firing practice on a makeshift target range between Polte and Ringfurth. 25X1C /03/1

3. Trucks [REDACTED] carrying a total of about 100 soldiers and towing 37-mm AA guns, moved along the Kobbel-Ringfurth road toward Ringfurth. **

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Comment. The engineer unit from Tangermuende is probably the unidentified engineer battalion of the 207th Itz Rifle Div which, [REDACTED] reported, is now staying at the Bittkau engineer training grounds. As some of the motor vehicles observed in Camp Bittkau belong to the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps and the 19th Gds Mecz Div, it is possible that advance parties of the 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps and the unidentified Gds engineer battalion of the 19th Gds Mecz Div may have also been there.

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19th Gds Mecz Div, the AAA convoy probably belonged to the division's unidentified Gds AAA regiment.

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